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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

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1. BERNARD BERG ACCEPTS WITH GREAT PLEASURE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. HE TOLD CHARGE HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND FULL 30 DAYS IN U.S. AND WOULD PREFER A GERMAN-SPEAKING ESCORT/INTERPRETER. HE ADDED THAT PROBABLY DURING PART OF HIS VISIT HE WOULD NOT NEED AN ESCORT/INTERPRETER SINCE HE HAS SOME ENGLISH. FOR HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS OR PROLONGED DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, AN INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED. BERG SAID FEBRUARY OR MARCH OF 1976 WOULD BE BEST TIME FOR VISIT FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW. HE AGREED TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND/OR DCM IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS IN MORE DETAIL ITINERARY FOR VISIT.

2. IN REGARD TO REQUEST REFTEL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BERG'S TRADE UNION ROLE, A BIOGRAPHIC DATA FORM, FS-405, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY 1975. IN GENERAL BERG CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS A MODERATE SOCIALIST OCCUPYING A CENTER-LEFT POSITION IN POLITICAL SPECTRUM. SINCE BECOMING MINISTER OF LABOR, HE HAS TAKEN A PRAGMATIC, NON-DOCTRINAIRE APPROACH TO LABOR ISSUES, SOMEWHAT TO THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF HIS MORE MILITANT UNION COLLEAGUES. IN FOLLOW-ON MESSAGE LATER IN THE FALL, WE WILL SUGGEST SPECIFIC U.S. LABOR UNION

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